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Dear Policy Team,

I am writing as a resident of [REDACTED] to provide a representation regarding the Pre-Submission Draft of the Local Plan 2040, specifically concerning the Wincheap Gateway and its designation as a Local Centre.

I support the "soundness" of the plan to transition Wincheap from light-industrial use to a mixed-use residential and independent retail hub. However, I wish to make the following points to ensure the plan is effective:

1. **Independent Character:** I strongly support the growth of the "Independent Quarter." I would like to see specific protections or incentives for small-scale, independent businesses (similar to Shot Space) to ensure the vacant units attract artisan and leisure uses rather than generic trade counters.
2. **Pedestrian Connectivity:** I support the reopening of the Castle and the new "Green Link." I urge the council to prioritize high-quality public realm improvements (paving, lighting, and greenery) at the "top end" of Wincheap to bridge the gap between the Castle and the residential streets like Grove Terrace.
3. **Traffic Rerouting:** I support the delivery of the A2 Fourth Slip road as a prerequisite for the area's transformation. The success of the "Local Centre" designation relies on the promised reduction in heavy through-traffic to make the street environment viable for sit-down dining and leisure.

Please keep me informed of the progress of the Local Plan and the date of the public examination.

Kind regards,

Jamie Reeves

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